

UNEARTH ALLEGED \$1,000,000 GRAFT

POSTAL OFFICIALS HOLD THREE MEN ON CHARGE OF DEFRAUDING MERCHANTS.

OPERATED IN MIDDLE WEST

St. Louis, Mo.—Postoffice inspectors arrested Charles Greenfield, Samuel Brown and Meyer Rotman of Philadelphia, accusing them of misuse of the mails and conspiring to defraud in connection with one of the greatest alleged fraudulent bankruptcies ever perpetrated by the government. It is said more than \$1,000,000 is involved, and the ramifications of the alleged fraud extend to New York, Newark, St. Louis, East St. Louis, Chicago, Wilmington, Del., Harrisburg, Louisville, Reading and elsewhere. At least a dozen other arrests are expected soon.

The alleged swindlers have been trailed for six months through railroad shipments and bankruptcy court proceedings in several states by C. D. West of the St. Louis Credit Men's association; Postal Inspector J. S. Swenson of St. Louis and Postal inspectors Corley, Smith and Nicholson of Philadelphia.

When they were finally rounded up, according to the postal inspectors, they were all found in possession of goods they had bought on credit, under other firm names in other cities where they had gone through bankruptcy after shipping their goods to their Philadelphia headquarters.

Under the name of the Great Western Jobbing House in St. Louis the band is said by the postal authorities to have obtained more than \$300,000 worth of credit, fraudulently, going into bankruptcy June 1, last. When the receiver visited their store he found every vestige, the federal agents said, of merchandise gone. Subsequent investigation disclosed the goods had been reshipped out of St. Louis the same day as received.

Sunday's Immense Tabernacle.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Second only to the interest in Rev. Billy Sunday's whirlwind addresses during his recent evangelistic campaign here was that aroused by the immense wooden tabernacle which was erected under the direction of his expert builder to house the throngs which attended the meetings. There was ample seating capacity for 10,000 persons in the great structure and the choir seated several hundred singers.

Three Are Found Dead.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A man, a woman and a little girl are dead as a result of a number of revolver shots fired in a lodging house here. The police theory is that Mrs. Mary Cox or Graves shot and killed W. M. Melton, then killed her daughter and finally shot herself.

Phone Rate Cut.

New York.—The New York Telephone company, one of the largest factors in the Bell system, has offered to discount all bills 10 per cent pending the settlement of an arbitration for lower rates now before the public service commission.

Woman Leaves Negro \$200,000.

Wilmington, Del.—Levi A. Taylor, a negro farmer of Newark, Del., has come into a fortune of \$200,000, including a large strip of land in Atlantic City, N. J., by the will of Mrs. Susie Brighter, a white woman, who died recently.

Woman Falls Dead.

Chicago.—Carrying receipts for securities worth \$125,000 in a hand bag, Mrs. Henry R. Wombacher, wife of the president of the Standard Typewriting company, fell dead at Thirty-fifth street and Indiana avenue while waiting for a car.

President to Make Speech.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—President Wilson will be requested to visit Arkansas in June, at which time he will be making a tour of the south, and also to address the Democratic state convention when it convenes in Pine Bluff on June 6.

Chamberlain to Retire.

Birmingham, Eng.—Joseph Chamberlain, the venerable British statesman, has decided to retire from parliament at the next general election. He has served continuously as a member of the house of commons since 1876.

"Peepers" Steals \$1,000 Diamonds.

Chicago, Ill.—A "Jack-the-Peeper" watched Mrs. Helen Hood place \$1,000 in diamonds in her stockings and retires. While she slept he fished the stockings out of the window with a hook and escaped with the diamonds.

Woman Refuses to Vacate Office.

Mobile, Ala.—Mrs. Ida O. Tillman, postmistress at Geneva, Ala., has refused to surrender her office to her successor, W. T. Roman, and an inspector has telegraphed Washington for further instructions.

SEA GIVES UP MISSING

YOUNG AVIATOR AND BROOKLYN HEIRESS FOUND.

Airmen Found on Long Island Beach—Miss Jennie McCann Had Been Missing Since Dec. 4.

New York.—The bodies of Miss Jennie McCann, missing heiress, and Aviator A. J. Jewel, who disappeared months ago, were given up to the sea, both bodies having been washed ashore in the terrific hurricane which has been sweeping the New Jersey and Long Island coast.

Jewel's torso was washed ashore at Edgewater, L. I., when an Italian laborer passed that way, 600 feet from Neptune avenue, and saw it. He called a policeman. The body was taken to a morgue.

It was nearly three months ago, on Oct. 13, 1913, that Jewel started to fly from Hempstead Plains, L. I., to participate in an aviation meet on Staten Island, when he disappeared and was never seen nor heard of again.

The body of Miss Jennie E. McCann, the young settlement worker, who disappeared from her Brooklyn home just a month ago, was given up by the sea. It was found by a watchman shortly after daybreak Sunday morning at Coney Island, having been washed ashore by the heavy surf that pounded the beach during a storm.

Long immersion had made the features unrecognizable, but identification of the young woman by her family was made possible by a signet ring with the initials "J. E. M." and by articles of clothing Miss McCann wore the day she disappeared.

12 FIREMEN HURT IN BLAZE

Eight May Die From Bruises and Burns—Thousands of Sleepers Routed Into the Cold.

Patterson, N. J.—Twelve firemen were injured and 1,000 men, women and children were driven from their homes by a fire which destroyed the Patterson Opera House.

Eight of the firemen are in the hospital and the physicians say they will probably die. They were burned or crushed by falling walls.

Several hours before the fire was discovered Emma Goldman, the anarchist, had addressed the biggest meeting ever held in the institute of the Industrial Workers of the World, which is in the rear of the burned building.

4 FREEZE TO DEATH IN SPAIN

Stoves Put Up in Streets of Madrid to Warm Those Forced to Be Out in the Open.

Madrid.—This city was in the grip of 22 degrees of frost. It was the coldest day in 30 years.

In Madrid three men and two women were frozen to death. A peasant with his four children was found on a roadside, all frozen stiff. The peasant was embracing a crucifix and evidently had breathed his last when praying.

All the public fountains in Madrid have been frozen up. Huge stoves have been placed in the streets so that those compelled to be out in open may warm themselves occasionally.

SAYS HEAD IS PART OF BODY

Jasper Webb, Sentenced to Death, Gets New Trial on Prosecutor's Improper Argument.

Jefferson City.—The supreme court reversed and remanded the case of Jasper Webb, who was sentenced to death for killing Arch Whitwell at Oak Grove in Jackson county. The reversal was based upon improper argument by the prosecuting attorney.

When the case was tried the information was attacked on the ground that the prosecutor said Whitwell "died as a result of mortal wounds on the body," when the evidence showed his death was due to a shot in the head. It was asserted the head is not a part of the body. The court found to the contrary.

THEATER STAMPEDE KILLS 4

Eighteen Injured in Jam at San Juan Festival When Gifts Are Distributed to the Poor.

San Juan, Porto Rico.—Four children were trampled to death and 18 others seriously injured here in a stampede which occurred at the opening of the municipal theater to admit the crowd of people who had come to attend the annual celebration of the day of the Three Kings.

At this festival a large quantity of gifts is distributed to poor children.

Believed Lind Will Be Diplomat.

St. Paul.—There is a general understanding among Minnesota Democrats that John Lind will terminate his Mexican service by graduation into the regular diplomatic service.

Eats Outside, Chokes to Death.

Pittsburg.—Boasting that he got such good food at home he had not eaten at a restaurant in years, Charles Getman entered a quick lunch, ordered a sandwich and choked to death on it.

Reubens Painting Stolen.

Turin.—A painting by Reubens, representing the "Adoration of the Kings," has been stolen from the church of Novales, near Suse. The painting belonged to a collection which was once in possession of Napoleon I.

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR AND WIFE ARRIVE



Dr. Constantin T. Dumba, the new ambassador from Austria-Hungary, and Mrs. Dumba, photographed on board the steamer which brought them to the United States.

FIRM TO DIVIDE PROFITS WILL APPEAL BOMB CASE

WILL GIVE \$10,000,000 ANNUALLY TO EMPLOYEES.

Lowest Daily Wage for Those Over 22 Years Old Will Be \$5, Even Though He Be a Janitor.

Detroit, Mich.—Announcement was made by the Ford Motor company of Detroit of a profit-sharing scheme by which \$10,000,000, approximately half the earnings of the concern, will be distributed annually to its employees.

At the same time it was announced that the working day for the men would be cut one hour, making an eight-hour day, with no decrease in pay, and that 4,000 new employees would be added to the company's working force immediately, making a total of 22,000 men.

The distribution of the surplus will start next Monday. Under the terms of the plan, the company announced, no employee of 22 years of age or over will receive less than \$5 for an eight-hour day, even though he be merely a floor sweeper.

The minimum wages for employees is now \$2.34 for a nine-hour day. In connection with the launching of the profit-sharing plan, the Ford company has organized a sociological department, which will keep close watch on the manner of living of all employees, and those found to be using their extra money in an improper manner will immediately cease to be beneficiaries under the plan.

FIVE PERISH IN HOTEL FIRE

Clerk, With Clothing Ablaze, Runs Home and Falls Unconscious at Feet of His Wife.

Newark, O.—Five men are known to be dead and half a dozen were injured seriously in a fire which destroyed the Kearns hotel, a rooming house and restaurant.

The dead are: Gus Hugel, Joseph McFarland, John Elzard, Lewis Stelzer and an unidentified peddler.

The injured are: George Alberta, perhaps fatally; John Russell and Arthur Grubb, hotel clerk.

The fire was discovered by Patrolman Goss, who awakened Grubb, asleep on the first floor. Grubb ran upstairs and aroused the guests. When Grubb attempted to escape he found the stairway choked with flames. He rushed through the fire and out on the street, his clothing a mass of flames. He then ran to his home, where he fell unconscious at the feet of his wife. He was burned badly and may not recover.

ANGER IS CAUSE OF DISEASE

Turns Sugar into Men's Blood, Affecting Kidneys, Says Prof. Cannon at Harvard Lecture.

Boston, Mass.—Fear or anger may turn so much sugar into a man's blood as to give him fatal kidney trouble, said Walter B. Cannon, professor of physiology at Harvard, in a lecture at the Harvard medical school. Many great disasters, Prof. Cannon declared, were followed by outbreaks of kidney disease among survivors.

"Parents should take warning," he said, "that it is a bad thing to make a child eat just after it has been in a tantrum."

Drugs a Woman on Street.

Kansas City, Mo.—Robbers armed with a wad of cotton saturated with a drug attacked and robbed Mrs. Wanda Bauserman, 15 years old, as she was locking the door of her dress store in the hotel and theater district.

Deputy Sheriff Is Killed.

Marshall, Mo.—When Deputy Sheriff Perry Keith and John B. Higgins were cleaning their revolvers at the sheriff's office Higgins' pistol accidentally was discharged and the bullet passed through Keith's heart.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

John R. Reavis Dead.

Warrensburg.—John R. Reavis, aged 65, died at the Warrensburg hospital. For more than 20 years Mr. Reavis had enjoyed nationwide celebrity as a correspondent and news-gatherer.

Mayer Lee Weds.

Springfield.—Robert E. Lee, former mayor of Springfield and vice-president of the Hobart-Lee T. Co. company, and Mrs. Edna Hughes of Springfield, a trained nurse, were married in Kansas City.

Ore Production Decreases.

Carthage.—Complete statistics of zinc and lead ore production from the various camps of the Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma district for the year 1913 show that the aggregate value of all ores, blende, calamine and lead was \$14,356,461, compared with \$13,043,379 in 1912. The lead ore tonnage was 94,952,640 pounds, exceeding the previous record of 92,457,777 pounds in 1912.

Contractor May Quarry Own Stone.

Jefferson City.—It is possible that the John Gill & Sons Construction company of Cleveland, contractors for the new Missouri state house, may solve the problem of getting suitable stone for the construction of that building by quarrying their own stone.

Woman Freed, House Burns.

Kansas City.—Burglars locked Mrs. Anna Bahr, a widow, in the basement of her home here and, after ransacking the house, set fire to it and fled, according to Mrs. Bahr's statement to the police. Neighbors, attracted by flames bursting from the roof, rushed in and liberated Mrs. Bahr. The house was destroyed.

Bullet Hits Officer's Heart.

Marshall.—Perry Keith, a deputy sheriff, was shot accidentally and killed by John Higgins, another deputy sheriff, in the sheriff's office. Keith and Higgins were cleaning their revolvers when Higgins' gun was discharged. The bullet entered Keith's heart.

Doubt About Hyde Trial.

Kansas City.—Holding that the county court had no right to guarantee the expenses of a fourth trial of Dr. B. Clark Hyde for the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swopes, J. D. Shewalter, an attorney, asked that the case, which is set for Jan. 12, be postponed indefinitely.

Typist Charged With Libel.

Kansas City.—Miss Virginia Campbell, a stenographer employed by a local contractor, was arrested as a result of an indictment returned by the Jackson county grand jury charging her with criminal libel in connection with so-called "Good Government League" letters sent to ministers in Missouri last fall, in which charges were made against Alvah H. O'Dowd and William Reynolds, Kansas City police commissioners. The indictment charged that the letters in which the alleged libel was committed asked the ministers addressed to use their influence with Gov. Major for a change in the Kansas City police board. The letters were signed "The Good Government League."

Feudists' Children Held.

Springfield.—Thirteen children, all members of the Collins families of feudists, have been taken to West Plains by officers and turned over to Judge S. P. Johnson of the juvenile court. The children were taken by the sheriff following a raid by night riders on Old Horton recently. Two women were whipped and four homes set afire. Parents followed the children to West Plains and will fight to prevent separation.

Kitten Bites Teacher.

Columbia.—Dr. L. D. Haigh of the agricultural chemistry department at Missouri university, has gone to St. Louis to take the Pasteur treatment. Two weeks ago Dr. Haigh was bitten by a stray kitten that had gotten into the basement of his house. An investigation by Dr. O. W. Mitchell of the school of medicine indicated that hydrophobia was imminent.

Webb City Wet Move Falls.

Joplin.—With Carthage and Cartersville voting on local option in special election Feb. 5, Webb City will not be permitted to do so, as a result of a decision by Circuit Judge D. E. Blair. The three towns are in Jasper county and each now is "dry." Webb City's board of aldermen is evenly divided on the subject of the election, and Judge Blair holds no election can be called until June 6.

Work Among the Heathen.

Kansas City.—The students of Asia are taking up the study of Christianity, eagerly, earnestly and enthusiastically, declared Dr. John R. Mott in an address to the convention of the Student Volunteer Movement here recently.

Missouri Woman Dies in Colorado.

Warrensburg.—A telegram from Colorado Springs to John Thrallkill, a Warrensburg merchant, brought the news of the death of his wife, Mrs. Florence Thrallkill, in that city.

Old Residents of Fulton Die.

Fulton.—Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, a member of a well-known Callaway county family, is dead at the age of 78 years. Mrs. Mary Hartle, 71 years old, who, with her husband, John Hartle, had just celebrated her fiftieth wedding anniversary, is dead here.

THE PEOPLE BACK HOME

By JESSIE FAKTER.

"I never use sugar on them," said the young woman with the gold-brown hair as she dug out a section of grapefruit daintily.

"This is nothing but cornstarch sweetened, anyway," answered her friend. "I do hope things will be decent. I ordered luncheon here in the railroad station so that we need waste no part of our two precious hours hunting a more delectable spot. Harry's thoughtful business engagement gives me a chance to hear all about this splendid good fortune of yours and Harry's. I was so glad to hear it. Tell me how it happened!"

"First, how am I looking?" asked the wife of the new president of the Fidelity Match company.

"Very lovely, indeed. Claret colored clothes always did suit you."

"Never a word about 'I always did like that suit!' You are a dear!" laughed her friend. "You saw it last year. But I gave it so little wear. And this winter I have needed it not at all in California. That was a wonderful trip, dear. So I am wearing it back home bravely—comfortable for the first time in five years."

"It is perfect and I raved about it last year. But you know I am always expecting to see some unusual creation when you telegraph me to meet you on your way to Ridgewood. That town is such a dreary place that no one can blame you. I never go back there. That is the way I solve the problem."

"But your relatives are no longer there," said her guest. "That makes all the difference. I have simply had to go and see mother and dad once a year. If it hadn't been for you to talk to each way for two hours I couldn't have lived through it."

"You see," she went on, "we began all wrong. It was partly mother's training, but she couldn't help that, coming from the southern home, as she did, and living there in Ridgewood. We have always been paying for my dress for Amy's reception or Harry's tuxedo for the Waltons' dinner or something. It has been foolish, of course, for in the city we go to so few full dress affairs. A tailored suit and a few dressy blouses could go almost anywhere I go, so in the city I feel over-dressed in my Ridgewood wardrobe."

"The first summer, when we went home, we should have taken a firm stand, but we didn't. We had done the best we could and were glad that summer things cost so little. Then came that elaborate dance of the Kings' at the country club."

"You remember Richard King? Well, so did Harry! He had come into his uncle's money and was living up to it. To think of me having to go to that dance looking less prosperous than Ruth King did almost broke Harry's heart. His wedding clothes were still perfect, but I couldn't wear mine."

"Mother came to the rescue. She sent me to Mrs. Gereau, who made my wedding things, with the tale that I could find nobody her equal in the city and had come home for her to make my clothes. So we went to the dance looking wonderful—our status veiled in white chiffon."

"The minute we got home and could do so Harry sent mother a check. We all started to do it, but he wouldn't let it go, and he declared that it should never happen again. It didn't. We have managed to go back each year in the style demanded by Ridgewood. I have simply hated the whole thing. Mother has always planned far in advance and has always sent us a list of functions she expected us to attend before we even knew that Harry could get away. They are so hospitable and I do appreciate—"

"It isn't nearly so much that," broke in her cynical friend, "as using you for an excuse to outshine each other in entertaining!"

"There was that side of it," admitted the guest, laughing.

"But you talk as if it were over," said the friend.

"It is. With the death of Mr. Holmes and Harry's election to the presidency and the great increase to our fortunes our worries are over. Not the money side of it. We have been able to stand that part fairly well for two years past. It is the reputation of the thing that has finally rescued us."

"Mother sent us the home papers announcing Harry's ascendancy. 'Wealth comes to Ridgewood's son. Harry Willet becomes president and chief stockholder of the Fidelity Match company.' The entire column was fun. It was more than that—it was emancipation. Then mother wrote us to come for father's birthday and not mind getting new clothes!"

"So we started last night on 24 hours' notice. I begged Harry to say that he didn't mind if I didn't have a new outfit. 'Wear any bladed old thing you please,' he said. 'They know now we can afford it, so why worry?' And I don't!"

Warmed-Over Sensation.

The professional fire fighter is too frequently faced to face with danger to regard fires in an esthetic light, but the feelings of the amateur with a passion for "running with the machine" occasionally show an epicurean flavor.

While running to a fire in a large town in Massachusetts, one citizen overtook another who was going in the same direction.

"O dear!" the last gasped, quite out of breath. "I hope it's not the stove-lining works; I've seen that twice already!"—Yonah's Companion.